

ROCKY FLATS PLANT

NEPA DIVISION, PLANT REVIEW CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION WORKSHEET

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Would the proposed action:

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There should be no effect on these species and limited intrusion into any species habitat while conducting site characterization steps.
8. Adversely affect floodplains or wetlands?

There should be minimal effect on floodplains or wetlands when either soil, sediments, water, or flora samples are taken.
9. Threaten public health or safety?

The project should not threaten public health or safety. The effect of the project will reduce potential risk to the public by providing site characterization data so an effective remedial alternative can be chosen.
10. Have possible effects on the environment which are likely to be highly controversial?

There should be no controversial impacts resulting from site characterization activities.
11. Have possible effects on the environment which are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks?

Site characterization is fairly straight forward and consists of samplings, media, mapping, environmental measurements, aquifer testing, etc. There should not be any unique risks or any unusual impacts.
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